

BIRD BULLETIN 2 - April 25

If weather had any particular influence upon the migratory habits and instincts of birds, which ornithologists at the present day are inclined to deny, it would have been clearly apparent this spring. The mild days in February and a mild March made the conditions for migration in this locality unusually favorable. But the last days of March and the first three weeks of April have been just the opposite of what we were led to expect. And during the cold bleak days of early April new migrants seemed to arrive in Cleveland very slowly and at long intervals. Song Sparrows began to arrive on Feb. 18, the earliest recorded date for this fine harbinger of spring, but the other later spring migrants have not varied much in the dates of their (observed) appearances from those of former years. The following is the complete list of birds (including winter residents) that have previously been observed: (1) Cardinal, (2) Chickadee, (3) Crow, (4) Blue Jay (5) Downy Woodpecker, (6) Flicker, (7) Golden Crowned Kinglet, (8) Junco, (9) Sparrow Hawk (10) White-breasted Nuthatch, (11) Song Sparrow, (12) Robin, (13) Blue Bird, (14) Red-winged Blackbird, (15) Meadowlark, (16) Purple Grackle, (17) Killdeer, (18) Fox Sparrow, (19) Phoebe, (20) Chipping Sparrow, (21) Kingfisher.

Since March 25, the following additional birds have been seen:

22. Towhee, or Ground Robin, 2 seen in Doan Brook, March 30, by W.H.H.; April Shaker Lakes, Mr. Gilmore; since that time dozens have been seen.
23. Mourning Dove, April 1, Lake View, W.H.H.; April 8, Mr. Gilmore. Two or three pairs seen frequently as well as heard in LakeView.
24. Field Sparrow, April 6, Nine Mile Creek, W.H.H.; several observed or heard on Shaker Heights since that date.
25. Vesper Sparrow, April 6, Nine Mile Creek, W.H.H.
26. Swamp Sparrow, April 6 as in preceding.
27. Tufted Titmouse, as in proceeding
28. Hairy Woodpecker, as before.
29. Ruby-crowned Kinglet, April 5, Wade Park; Mr. Gilmore; many observed since that date.
30. Winter Wren, April 1 and 22, Lake View, W.H.H.
31. Wood Thrush, April 10, Lake View, Mr. Gilmore; April 24, Doan Brook Heights, W.H.H. (seen and heard); April 25, Mayfield Road.
32. Brown Thrush, April 13, Noble Road, Miss Mueller, two seen and heard; April 24, Shaker Heights, H.H.H., heard.
33. Brown Creeper, April 15, Wade Park, W.H.H.; several observed since that date
34. Cow bird, April 16(male and female), Wade Park, Mr. Gilmore.
35. Cedar Waxwing, April 16, Wade Park, Mr. Gilmore; April 17, Wade Park Pond, W.H.H., fully a dozen.
36. Olive-backed Thrush, April 20, Nine Mile Creek, W.H.H.
37. Hermit Thrush, April 21, Lake View (several), W.H.H.; also seen in Wade Park and on Shaker Heights.
38. White throated Sparrow (Peabody Bird), April 22, LakeView, W.H.H., dozen seen also in Wade Park and in Doan Brook, Shaker Heights. This final and frequent spring visitant is often mistaken for the much rarer White Crowned Sparrow.
39. Black-throated Green Warbler, April 22, LakeView, W.H.H., two seen at very close quarters.
40. Canada Jay, April 22, Lake View, W.H.H. A bird rarely seen in these parts.
41. Purple Martin, April 23, Wade Park Pond, W.H.H., one pair.
42. Tree Swallow, April 23, Lake View, W.H.H., a pair observed circling, high in the air. Since the publication of the first bulletin, a Killdeer was seen on Shaker Lake (Mr. Gilmore). After the first appearance of Fox Sparrows (March 21) they were observed in large numbers in various places, especially in Lake View, almost every day for a month. And anybody who cared for the beautiful song of this king of the Sparrow tribe might have heard a splendid concert any evening about sunset in the hollow back in Lake View Cemetery.